

RESOLUTION NO. R-13-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLTON IN
OPPOSITION TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, as part of its 2011-12 budget proposal, the Governor has proposed permanently abolishing California's more than 400 local redevelopment agencies, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal represents more of the same State budget raids of local government funds that voters have repeatedly sought to end, most recently in November 2010 when an overwhelming 61% of voters elected to stop State raids of local government funds, including redevelopment funds, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal will bring very little financial benefit to the State. According to the State Controller's Office, redevelopment agencies have more than \$87 billion in bond and other contractual obligations that legally must be repaid before revenues are available to any other purpose. In fact, according to the State Department of Finance's own budget documents, there will be zero State savings in out years from shutting down redevelopment, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal will destroy local economic development, including hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in local economic activity throughout California, and;

WHEREAS, throughout California, redevelopment activities support 304,000 jobs annually, including 170,600 construction jobs, contribute over \$40 billion annually to California's economy in the generation of goods and services, and generate more than \$2 billion in state and local taxes in a typical year, and;

WHEREAS, eliminating redevelopment will take away one of the few tools local governments have to comply with state requirements to plan for more compact urban development supported by transit-oriented development, housing, jobs and infrastructure, and;

WHEREAS, eliminating redevelopment will destroy the development of affordable housing in California. Redevelopment agencies are the second largest funder of affordable housing, behind only the federal government, responsible for over 98,000 units of affordable housing since 1993; and

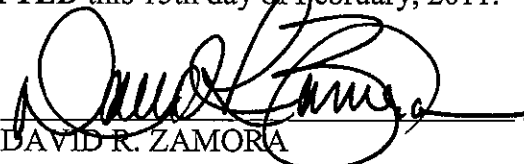
WHEREAS, shutting down redevelopment agencies is a violation of multiple State and Federal constitutional provisions.

1 **WHEREAS**, the City has determined that, pursuant to Title 14 California Code of
2 Regulations Section 15378(b)(5), the action taken in this Resolution does not constitute a
3 "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code
4 Sections 21000, *et seq.*) ("CEQA") and is exempt from environmental review under CEQA
because the action is in the nature of administrative activities of government that will not
result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.


5 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Colton
6 that the City strongly supports Redevelopment as a tool to finance local projects with local
funds.

7 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Colton is
8 stating its strong **OPPOSITION** to the elimination of Redevelopment, and intends to
9 communicate its opposition of the Govenor's proposal to the Governor, the Legislature,
business groups, and its citizens.

10 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 15th day of February, 2011.

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13 DAVID R. ZAMORA
14 Mayor

14 **ATTEST:**

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17 EILEEN C. GOMEZ, CMC
18 City Clerk

